

REMARKS

The Office Action has made a restriction requirement based on Groups I-V being distinct. Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction.

The examiner asserts that restriction is proper between Groups I and II because Claim 1 is directed to a lamp, and Claim 17 is directed to a mounting structure. However, the examiner cannot show a “serious burden” in examining the claims of Group II with the claims of Group I as required for restriction (MPEP § 803) because a mounting structure is disclosed in Claim 1. Therefore, a search performed for the lamp of Claim 1 would necessitate a search for a mounting structure and there would be no additional burden on the examiner.

The examiner asserts that restriction is proper between Groups I and III because Claim 1 is directed to a lamp, and Claim 26 is directed to a reflector. However, the examiner cannot show a “serious burden” in examining the claims of Group III with the claims of Group I as required for restriction (MPEP § 803) because a reflector is disclosed in Claim 1. Therefore, a search performed for the lamp of Claim 1 would necessitate a search for a reflector and there would be no additional burden on the examiner.

The examiner asserts that restriction is proper between Groups I and IV because Claim 1 is directed to a lamp, and Claim 30 is directed to an arc tube holder. However, the examiner cannot show a “serious burden” in examining the claims of Group IV with the claims of Group I as required for restriction (MPEP § 803) because an arc tube holder is disclosed in Claim 1. Therefore, a search performed for the lamp of Claim 1 would

necessitate a search for an arc tube holder and there would be no additional burden on the examiner.

The examiner asserts that restriction is proper between Groups I and V because Claim 1 is directed to a lamp, and Claim 32 is directed to a process of making the lamp. However, the examiner cannot show a “serious burden” in examining the claims of Group II with the claims of Group I as required for restriction (MPEP § 803) because a high intensity discharge lamp is disclosed in both Claim 1 and Claim 32. Therefore, a search performed for the lamp of Claim 1 would necessitate a search for high intensity discharge lamps and there would be no additional burden on the examiner.

The examiner asserts that restriction is proper between Groups II and III because Group II is directed to a mounting structure, and Group III is directed to a reflector. However, the examiner cannot show a “serious burden” in examining the claims of Group III with the claims of Group II as required for restriction (MPEP § 803) because a reflector is disclosed in Group II. Therefore, a search performed for the mounting structure of Group II would necessitate a search for a reflector and there would be no additional burden on the examiner.

The examiner asserts that restriction is proper between Groups II and IV because Group II is directed to a mounting structure, and Group IV is directed to an arc tube holder. However, the examiner cannot show a “serious burden” in examining the claims of Group IV with the claims of Group II as required for restriction (MPEP § 803) because an arc tube holder is disclosed in Group II. Therefore, a search performed for the

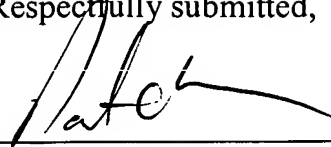
mounting structure of Group II would necessitate a search for an arc tube holder and there would be no additional burden on the examiner.

The examiner asserts that restriction is proper between Groups II and V because Claim 17 is directed to a mounting structure, and Claim 32 is directed to a process of making a lamp including a mounting structure. However, the examiner cannot show a “serious burden” in examining the claims of Group V with the claims of Group II as required for restriction (MPEP § 803) because a mounting structure for a HID lamp is disclosed in both Claim 17 and Claim 32. Therefore, the same search would be required for both Claims 17 and 32 and there would be no additional burden on the examiner.

The examiner asserts that restriction is proper between Groups IV and V because Claim 30 is directed to an arc tube holder, and Claim 32 is directed to a process of making a lamp including an arc tube holder. However, the examiner cannot show a “serious burden” in examining the claims of Group V with the claims of Group IV as required for restriction (MPEP § 803) because an arc tube holder is disclosed in both Claim 30 and Claim 32. Therefore, the same search would be required for both Claims 30 and 32 and there would be no additional burden on the examiner.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction is solicited.

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